

Internet Access to Minute Entries in Criminal Cases Changing September 1

Effective September 1, 2013, the Clerk's Office will no longer post some minute entries to the Clerk's minute entry website online (http://www.courtminutes.maricopa. gov/). The documents remain public records and can be viewed at the Clerk's public access terminals, but will not be viewable through the minute entry website.

Parties and their attorneys with an Electronic Court Record Online account may view documents over the internet in their own cases but cannot see other records.

Rule changes were adopted that stop the courts from putting records online in cases where there are victims of certain alleged crimes. In cases with adult victims, the restrictions are based on the crimes charged against the defendant. The restrictions also apply to any case involving a juvenile victim, regardless of the nature of the offense. The rule changes will limit the public's online access to minute entries in certain adult criminal cases. The Clerk's Office does not post minute entries online in juvenile court cases.

Examples of cases where minute entries will remain public record but will no longer post to the internet include: sexual offenses and exploitation, prostitution, and obscenity. For a list of Clerk's Office locations with public access terminals and other ways to get records, visit http://clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov/copies.asp.

The rule changes have restrictions that apply to the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court that do not apply to cases in Superior Court. The adopted rules can be viewed online at:

http://www.azcourts.gov/Portals/20/2012Rules/120512/R120004.pdf.

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